

and provide for its permanence and increase, and to prescribe and regulate the conditions under which, and the extent to which, the same shall be used for the purpose of such relief.

Condemnation of property for public uses.

(u) To pass ordinances for the condemnation of property for the purpose of widening, altering, changing, or extending any of the streets of the city and for opening new streets and for the construction and maintenance of drains, sewers, and combination drains and sewers, and for any other public purpose provided for in this act.

Definition and abatement of nuisances.

(v) To define nuisances and prevent and abate the same, whether on public or private property.

Issuance of bonds when voted for.

(w) To issue bonds of the city only after they shall have passed an ordinance by a majority vote of the entire board at two separate regular meetings submitting the question of issuing the same to a vote of the people, and after a majority of the qualified registered voters shall have voted in favor thereof. No election for this purpose shall be held until thirty days notice thereof shall have been given by the board of commissioners in some newspaper published in the city of Durham. At such election those who favor creating such debt shall vote "Approved," and those who oppose it shall vote "Not Approved." The board of commissioners, if they deem it proper to do so, may order a new registration of the voters of said city at any and all such elections.

Notice of election.

Votes.

New registration.

Rates of public-service corporations.

(x) That upon any reasonable complaint from a responsible party that the rates charged by any public-service corporation are unreasonable, the board of commissioners shall carefully investigate the rates complained of, and endeavor to obtain a just and equitable arrangement with the said corporation. If no such satisfactory arrangement can be obtained by negotiation, the said board shall enter upon its record an order directing the corporation to charge not exceeding such maximum rates as the board may deem proper. The board shall send a copy of such order to the said corporation and shall immediately transmit to the Corporation Commission of the State of North Carolina a complete certified copy of the record in the entire matter. As soon as practicable after the receipt the Corporation Commission of the State of North Carolina shall, and it is hereby fully authorized and empowered so to do, set a day for the hearing of said matter, giving both parties reasonable notice thereof and a full opportunity to be heard. After a full hearing, the Corporation Commission shall decide the question involved, either wholly or partially in favor of either party, as may seem just and equitable, which decision shall become binding unless reversed on appeal. Either party shall have the right to appeal to the courts. The order of the board of commissioners shall not become effective until approved by the Corporation Commission as aforesaid.

Record to corporation commission.

Hearing by corporation commission.

Decision by corporation commission.

Right of appeal.

Location of hospitals.

(y) To fix the location of hospitals in which contagious, infectious, or other communicable diseases are to be treated.